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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1991 - 50% Of The Year

December 1990

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$ 15,254,100	$ 7,477,787	$ 7,776,313	49.0%
General Assistance	1,810,300	895,707	914,593	49.5%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	97,650	119,350	45.0%
SSI Supplementation	761,300	423,800	337,500	55.7%
TOTAL	$ 18,042,700	$ 8,894,944	$ 9,147,756	49.3%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1990	August	September	October
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,406,957	$2,488,188	$2,428,678	$2,441,401
Cases	8,415	8,658	8,379	8,408
Children	14,617	14,802	14,479	14,678
Recipients	21,333	21,593	21,127	21,522
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$13,311	$13,142	$11,940	$15,372
Cases	45	41	37	49
Children	96	96	81	114
Recipients	179	174	148	210
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,420,268	$2,501,330	$2,440,618	$2,456,773
Cases	8,460	8,699	8,416	8,457
Children	14,713	14,898	14,560	14,792
Recipients	21,512	21,767	21,275	21,732
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$137,739	$147,761	$141,151	$147,196
Cases	1,153	1,236	1,178	1,207
Children	452	480	465	489
Recipients	1,334	1,421	1,345	1,417
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$40,931	$38,865	$38,155	$46,388
Cases	215	208	233	289
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$2,068,461	$2,134,105	$2,136,307	$2,354,246
Cases	12,627	12,886	12,899	13,114
Recipients	34,065	34,791	34,827	35,408
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$59,663	$59,004	$59,549	$58,654
Cases-Recipients	483	475	480	472
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,722,561	$1,716,874	$1,739,933	$1,743,161
Cases-Recipients	7,692	7,674	7,755	7,810
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,782,224	$1,775,878	$1,799,482	$1,801,815
Cases-Recipients	7,793	7,768	7,851	7,902

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	November	December
AFDC REGULAR:		
Payments	$2,548,178	$2,588,094
Cases	8,631	8,831
Children	14,878	15,092
Recipients	21,780	22,107
AFDC-UP:		
Payments	$15,714	$20,895
Cases	47	65
Children	110	166
Recipients	201	288
TOTAL AFDC:		
Payments	$2,563,892	$2,608,989
Cases	8,678	8,896
Children	14,988	15,258
Recipients	21,981	22,395
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$162,117	$165,951
Cases	1,316	1,350
Children	526	513
Recipients	1,522	1,556
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$39,814	$36,298
Cases	224	234
FOOD STAMPS:		
Payments	$2,444,494	$2,559,246
Cases	13,621	14,252
Recipients	36,776	38,479
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:		
Payments	$59,097	$59,962
Cases-Recipients	474	483
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:		
Payments	$1,748,109	$1,743,629
Cases-Recipients	7,785	7,768
TOTAL SSI:		
Payments	$1,807,206	$1,803,591
Cases-Recipients	7,874	7,860

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$14,901,496	$13,280,434	12.2%
Cases	8,554	7,701	11.1%
Payments/Case	$290.35	$287.42	1.0%
Children	14,758	13,629	8.3%
Recipients	21,577	19,849	8.7%
Payments/Recipient	$115.10	$111.51	3.2%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$90,374	$76,382	18.3%
Cases	47	45	4.4%
Payments/Case	$318.22	$283.95	12.1%
Children	111	91	22.0%
Recipients	200	163	22.7%
Payments/Recipient	$75.31	$78.02	-3.5%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$14,991,870	$13,356,816	12.2%
Cases	8,601	7,746	11.0%
Payments/Case	$290.51	$287.40	1.1%
Children	14,868	13,720	8.4%
Recipients	21,777	20,012	8.8%
Payments/Recipient	$114.74	$111.24	3.1%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$901,915	$781,151	15.5%
Cases	1,240	1,089	13.9%
Payments/Case	$121.23	$119.57	1.4%
Children	488	461	5.9%
Recipients	1,433	1,271	12.7%
Payments/Recipient	$104.93	$102.46	2.4%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$240,451	$209,195	14.9%
Cases	234	235	-0.4%
Payments/Case	$171.38	$148.68	15.3%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$13,696,859	$10,519,633	30.2%
Cases	13,233	11,320	16.9%
Payments/Case	$172.51	$154.88	11.4%
Recipients	35,724	30,565	16.9%
Payments/Recipient	$63.90	$57.36	11.4%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$355,929	$352,876	0.9%
Cases-Recipients	478	483	-1.0%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$124.15	$121.77	2.0%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$10,414,267	$9,455,238	10.1%
Cases-Recipients	7,747	7,463	3.8%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$224.04	$211.17	6.1%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$10,770,196	$9,808,114	9.8%
Cases-Recipients	7,841	7,566	3.6%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$228.92	$216.06	6.0%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages.

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

December 1990

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	8,831	6,276	1,334	1,221
	Recipients	22,107	15,526	3,481	3,100
AFDC-UP:	Cases	65	48	10	7
	Recipients	288	198	50	40
Total AFDC:	Cases	8,896	6,324	1,344	1,228
	Recipients	22,395	15,724	3,531	3,140
General Assistance:	Cases	1,350	1,062	133	155
	Recipients	1,556	1,206	139	211
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	234	166	32	36
Food Stamps:	Cases	14,252	8,568	2,835	2,849
	Recipients	38,479	23,134	7,652	7,693
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	483	232	77	174
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,768	4,154	1,652	1,962
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,860	4,199	1,666	1,995

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF STATISTICAL REPORT ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAMS: JULY-DECEMBER 1990

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

In the first six months of SFY'91, total Federal and State payments for the Department's five public assistance grants programs amounted to approximately $40.6 million. These DHSS payments increased 17.1% in comparison with the same period in the prior fiscal year. While increases also occurred in the two prior fiscal years, the increase in SFY'91 was more significant than the increase in SFY'90 (9.5%) or the increase in SFY'89 (5%).

State government spending, which is associated with all programs except Food Stamps, increased 15%, reaching the level of $8.9 million in the first half of SFY'91. Only the AFDC and General Assistance programs reflected significant increases in State spending: 16.1% and 15.4% respectively.

AFDC PROGRAM

In the first six months of SFY'91, there was a continuation of AFDC caseload and recipient increases, which had started in the prior year. Specifically, the average monthly AFDC caseload for July-December 1990 (8,601) was 11.0% higher than the caseload for July-December 1989 (7,746), while the average monthly number of recipients (21,777) was 8.8% higher than last year. These levels of participation are the highest that have occurred in the SFY'87 - SFY'91 period, as shown in Figure 1. The last year in which midyear caseloads were as high as this current level was SFY'85.

These changes in Delaware's AFDC clientele have been consistent with changes at the national level. AFDC national caseloads increased 7.9% in this reporting period as compared with the same period in the prior year. Moreover, the nation's AFDC recipients increased by roughly the same percentage, 7.6%, during this period.*

Research by the University of Delaware's Bureau of Economic and Business Research has shown that growth in the State's welfare caseload is strongly related to increases in the unemployment rate. For example, a 3% increase in the AFDC caseload is associated with a 10% increase in the unemployment rate in Delaware.

Average monthly AFDC payments per case and per recipient also increased, partly in response to a small increase in the payment standard as of October 1990. (This increase amounted to 1.5% for the typical family of 3.) Payments per recipient increased 3.1%, but payments per case increased by only 1.1%. The discrepancy in payments made to cases versus recipients occurred partly because case size declined slightly, from roughly 2.58 persons to 2.53 persons.

As a result of the above changes, AFDC expenditures increased for the third consecutive year. Specifically, AFDC expenditures increased by 12.2% to just under $15 million, a level not seen since SFY'82. Figure 2 illustrates AFDC payments for the July-December period in SFY'91 and the prior four years.

General Assistance Program

The average monthly number of cases receiving General Assistance increased in the first half of SFY'91, after showing steady declines over the comparable period in SFY'84 through SFY'90. Moreover, the increase was significant: 13.9%. The average monthly number of recipients increased over SFY'90 levels by a slightly smaller amount: 12.7%. As illustrated in Figure 3, the average monthly GA caseload associated with this reporting period was nearly back up to the level associated with SFY'87. On the other hand, this was well below the case counts for SFY'82 -SFY'85, which ranged from 1,977 to 2,318.

In addition, the average monthly number of adults on General Assistance increased 16.7% in this reporting period, while the average monthly number of children increased by 5.9%.

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* These national statistics reflect preliminary data for October, November and December 1990. The preliminary data include estimates for a few states that have not yet reported actual AFDC counts to the Family Support Administration.

Average monthly payments per GA case increased by 1.4% in the first half of SFY'91, while average payments per recipient increased by 2.4%. Part of the explanation for the smaller increase in payments made to cases is a slight drop in average case size (from 1.17 to 1.16 average members per case.)

In keeping with the above changes, spending on General Assistance increased 15.5% in the first six months of SFY'91, reaching the level of $901,915. As shown in Figure 4, this level of expenditure was comparable to spending levels last seen in SFY'87.

Food Stamp Program

In the Food Stamp program, caseloads and recipients continued on the upward course that started in the first six months of SFY'89. (See Figure 5 for average monthly caseloads and recipients in the first six months of SFY'87-SFY'91.) More specifically, the average monthly caseload for the Food Stamp program increased 16.9% in the first six months of SFY'91 - more than any of the other public assistance programs discussed in this report. The average monthly number of recipients increased by the same percentage. These increases were considerably steeper than the rates of increase that occurred over the same months in SFY'89 and SFY'90: 4.1% and 5.4% respectively. As a result of these consecutive increases, Food Stamp participation levels for July-December 1990 (13,233 cases and 35,724 recipients) were higher than they have been since SFY'85.

Average monthly payments also showed a significant increase in the first half of SFY'91. The average monthly payment per case increased 11.4%, a function of a 10% increase in allotment levels in 10/89 that affected July-September 1990 and a 6.5% increase as of 10/90. Average monthly payments per recipient increased by the same amount.

In response to the growth in participation and average payments, total Food Stamp expenditures increased 30.2% to the level of roughly $13.7 million. Figure 6 illustrates this jump in Food Stamp costs in SFY'91 and how it compares with the more moderate spending changes of the prior four years.

Emergency Assistance

Expenditures for Emergency Assistance increased 14.9% in the first six months of SFY'91. This statistic reflects a slowdown in EA spending since the first quarter of SFY'91 when the EA program registered a 28.1% spending increase. Similarly, this most recent expenditure growth was more moderate than that which occurred in SFY'90: a 26.7% increase. (See Figure 7 for Emergency Assistance costs for the first six months of SFY'87-SFY'91.)

Unlike spending in the above programs, EA spending in July-December 1990 was not influenced by higher caseloads. That is, EA caseloads decreased by .4% during this period. (See Figure 8.) On the other hand, average payments per case rose 15.3%, from $148.68 to $171.38.

SSI Program

SSI caseloads and costs showed more moderate changes in comparison with the above programs (except when compared with EA caseloads). The average monthly number of cases receiving Federal payments (alone or in conjunction with State SSI payments) increased 3.8% in the first half of SFY'91. In addition, average monthly Federal payments increased by 6.1%, reflecting a 4.7% cost of living adjustment enacted in January 1990. Consistent with these changes, Federal SSI payments rose 10.1% in the first half of SFY'91.

In contrast to SSI Federal caseloads and caseloads associated with most other public assistance programs, the midyear caseloads under the SSI State supplementation program have shown small decreases beginning with State Fiscal Year 1990 (as shown in Figure 9). The caseload decrease associated with the current reporting period amounted to - 1.%. This decrease was offset by a 2% increase in average payments per case. Consequently, the costs of the SSI State supplementation program rose .9%, from $352,876 to $355,929. (See Figure 10.)

Consistent with changes in these two program components, the overall SSI caseload rose 3.6%, and overall average payments per case rose 6%. The growth in these two variables caused a 9.8% increase in total SSI expenditures.

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Enclosures (3)

Figure 1

AFDC Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

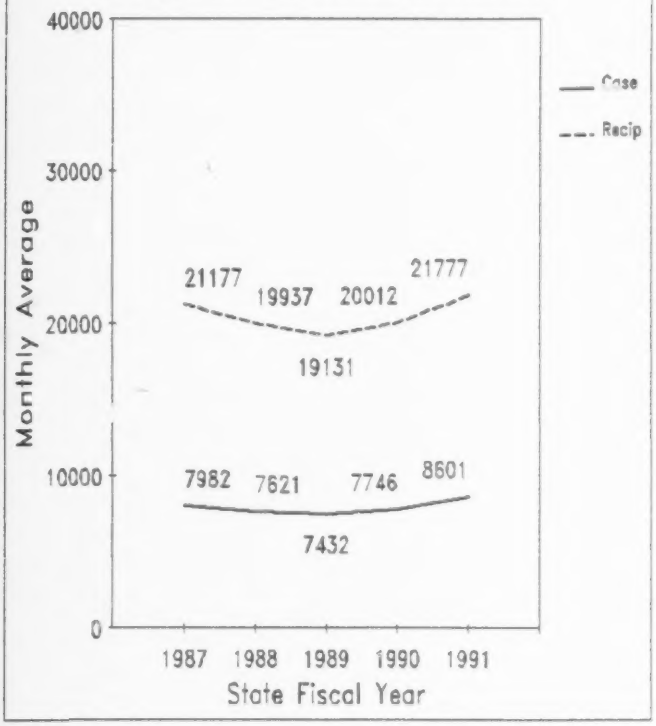
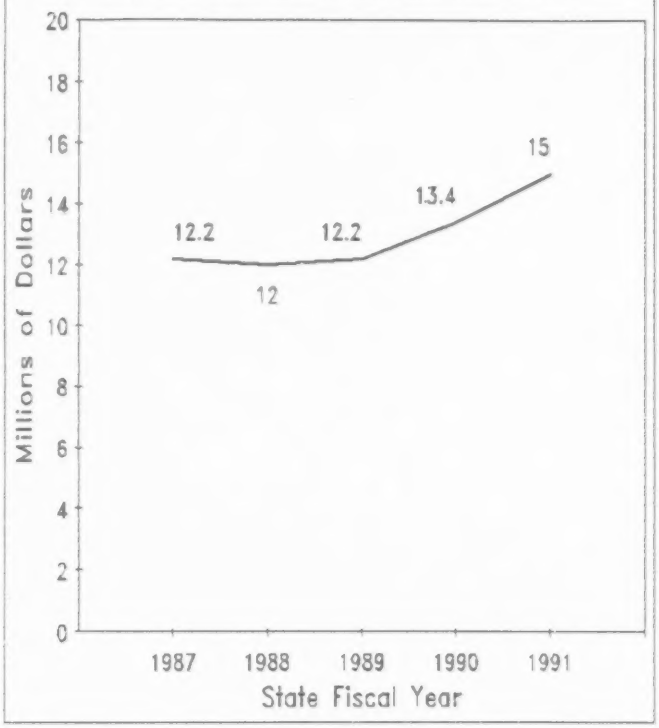


Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991



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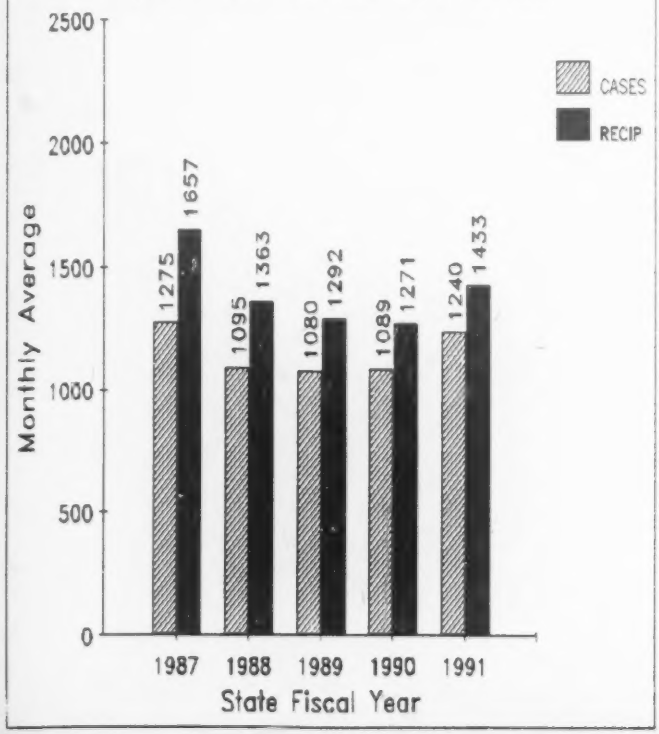
General Assistance Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991



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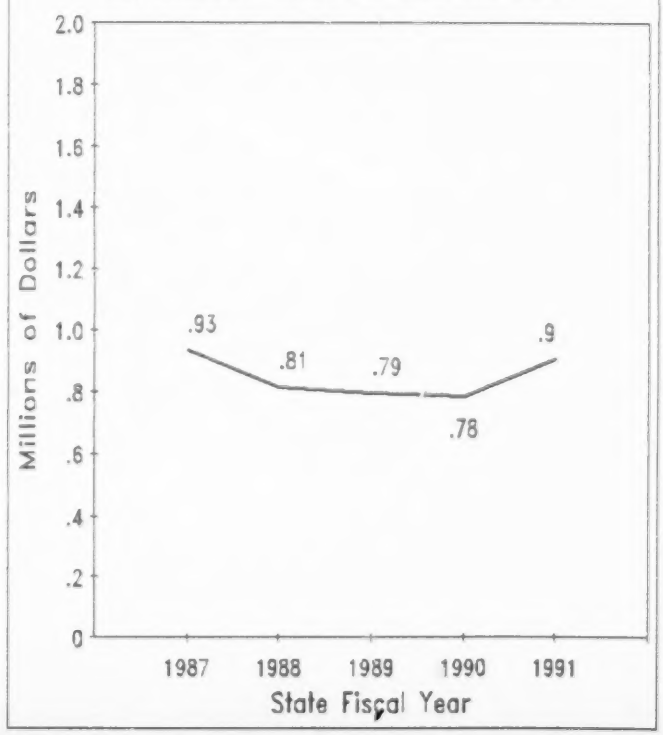

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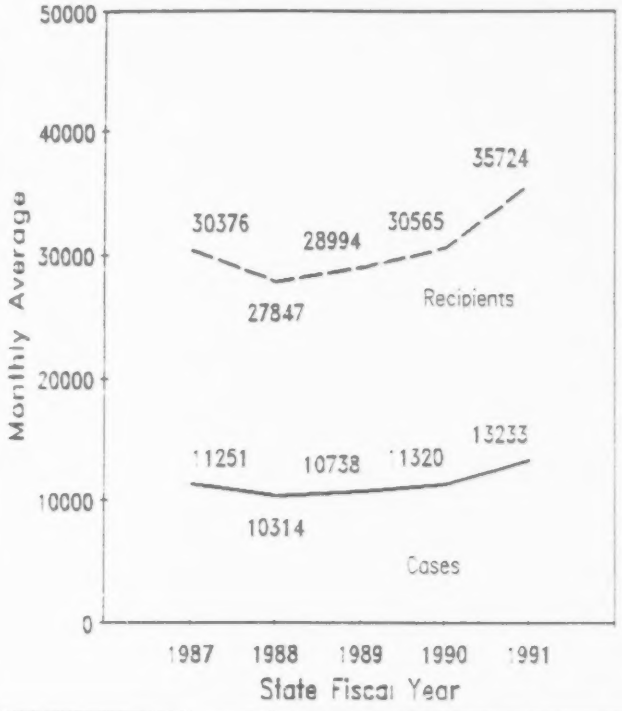
Food Stamp Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991



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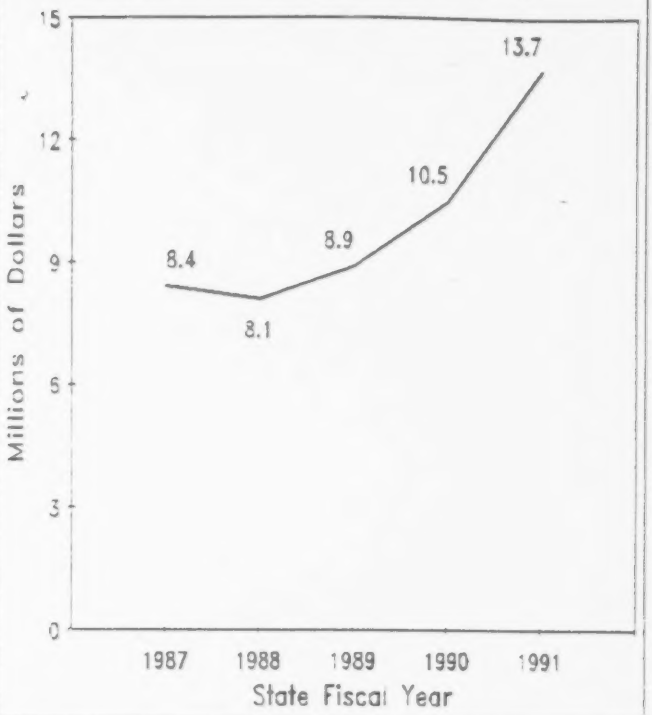

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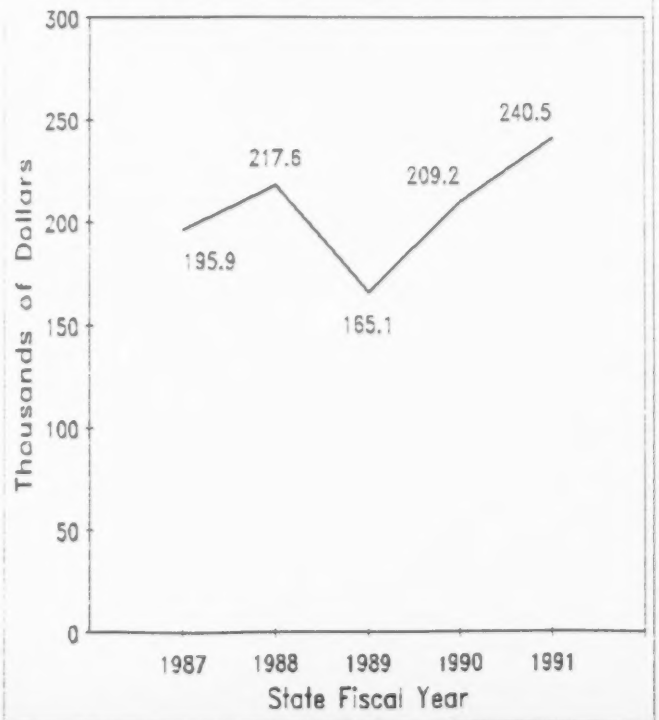
Emergency Assistance Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991



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Emergency Assistance Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

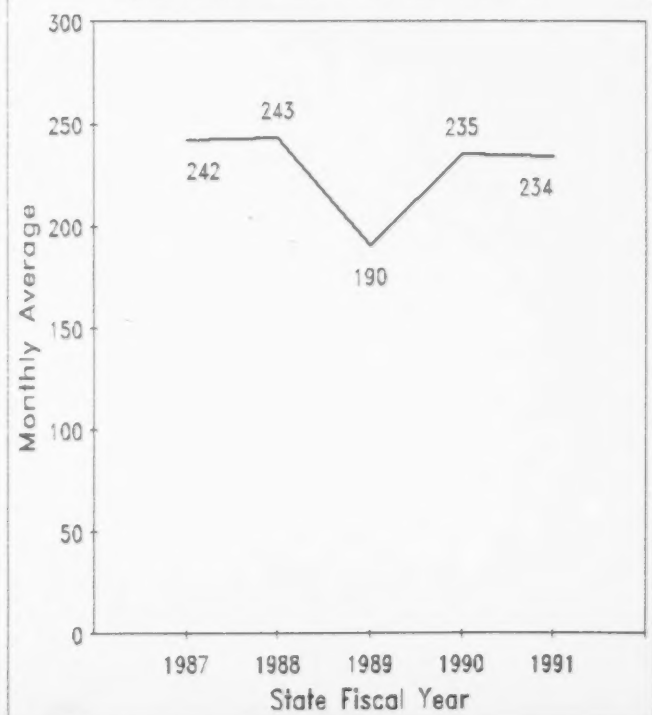

Figure 9

SSI State Supplementation Cases

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

Figure 10

SSI State Supplementation Expenditures

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